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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO VISITS FRONTIER

SUMMARY: DURING COURSE OF ONE-DAY VISIT TO FRONTIER PROVINCE
SEPTEMBER 10, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING
VISIT TO UNITED STATES., ATTACKED ANTI-PAKISTAN STATEMENT
BY AFGHAN DELEGATE TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE., WARNED NAP OPPOSI
ITION NOT TO USE FORCE AGAINST GOVERNMENT., TOOK ISSUE WITH
EX-PRESIDENT AYUB ON RESPECTIVE MERITS OF TASHKENT AND SIMLA
AGREEMENT., AND LASHED OUT AT CSP OFFICERS FOR OPPOSING NEW
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM MEASURES.

1. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S BRIEF ONE-DAY VISIT TO FRONTIER
PROVINCE SEPT. 10 WAS FULLY OCCUPIED WITH SPEECHES AND MEETINGS
WITH OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL FOLLOWERS. AFTER ARRIVAL SPEECH
BEFORE LARGE WELCOMING CROWD AT PESHAWAR AIRPORT, HE FLEW TO
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MARDAN TO ADDRESS MEETING ORGANIZED BY PAKISTAN PEOPLE S PARTY.
LATE AFTERNOON DEDICATION SPEECH AT SITE OF FUTRE INSTITUTE OF
RADIOTHERAPY AND NUCLEAR MEDICINE AT UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR WAS
FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS IN EVENING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND

POLITICAL SUPPORTERS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, PESHAWAR.

2. US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS: DURING COURSE OF SPEECH AT PESHAWAR AIRPORT, PRIME MINISTER DISCUSSED HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO UNITED STATES. HE SAID MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO FURTHER PROMOTE PAKISTAN'S ALREADY FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD HE NOTED EXCEPT FOR PERIOD WHEN THERE WERE SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS OVER PAKISTAN'S TIES WITH CHINA. THESE MISUNDERSTANDINGS HAVE SINCE BEEN REMOVED WITH PAKISTAN'S POSITION HAVING BEEN PROVEN CORRECT. IN HIS FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON HE WOULD DISCUSS PAKISTAN'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL DEBTS. WHILE OTHER NATIONS SHOULD HAVE NO FEAR HE WAS SEEKING ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES, HE NOTED THAT UNITED STATES WAS COMMITTED BY AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE ARMS TO PAKISTAN BUT THAT SUPPLY OF ARMS HAD BEEN UNFAIRLY HALTED DUE TO 1965 WAR. HE WISHED POINT OUT THAT IF UNITED STATES WAS ABLE HELP ITS FRIENDS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA WITH ARMS IN SPITE OF FACT SUCH AID WAS AGAINST PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE, IT SHOULD HAVE NO HESITATION IN HELPING AN ALLY SUCH AS PAKISTAN WHOSE CAUSE WAS JUST. PRIME MINISTER THANKED THE UNITED STATES FOR HAVING PROVIDED 60 PER CENT OF TOTAL FOREIGN AID RECEIVED FOR FLOOD RELIEF AND SAID THAT WITHOUT UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE PAKISTAN WOULD HAVE HAD DIFFICULT TIME HELPING THOSE WHO SUFFERED FROM FLOOD DEVASTATION.

3. NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: PRIME MINISTER CRITICIZED NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS ON GROUNDS THAT WITH IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN GREAT POWERS, CONCEPT OF NON-ALIGNMENT HAD BECOME OUTDATED. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT PAKISTAN HAD AS MUCH RIGHT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AS ANY OTHER SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED NATIONS WHICH HAD PACTS WITH GREAT POWERS. TAKING STRONG EXCEPTION TO REMARKS MADE AT CONFERENCE BY DELEGATE OF UNNAMED NEIGHBORING COUNTRY HE SAID SUCH REMARKS DID NOT SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE AND WERE BOUND TO WIDEN DIFFERENCES INSTEAD OF BRINGING ABOUT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS. IF SUCH STATEMENTS CONTINUED TO BE MADE, PAKISTAN WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSEQUENCES. PARTICULARLY ANGERED BY DELEGATE'S REMARKS ABOUT BANGLADESH, HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO MORE BANGLADESHES IN PAKISTAN
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WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH DELEGATE'S COUNTRY, PAKISTAN HAD CAPABILITY TO MEET ANY CONSPIRACY AGAINST ITS SOLIDARITY. HE ADDED: "IF WE HAVE FOUR NATIONALITIES, YOU HAVE FIVE OR SIX NATIONALITIES." SWITCHING HIS ATTENTION TO ANOTHER NEIGHBOR, HE REMARKED THAT IF THERE WERE TO BE SECOND BANGLADESH IT WOULD BE IN THE NATION RESPONSIBLE FOR BIRTH OF FIRST ONE.

4. ATTACKS OPPOSITION: THROUGHOUT HIS BUSY DAY OF SPEECH MAKING THE PRIME MINISTER VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT OPPOSITION ELEMENTS. HE DENOUNCED THE UDF FOR ITS OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS WHILE GOVERNMENT WAS TACKLING FLOOD PROBLEMS AND WARNED NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY LEADERS AGAINST THE USE OF VIOLENCE. IF "MY FRIENDS" IN NAP ARE "BENT ON MISCHIEF," HE SAID, THEY

SHOULD KNOW THEY ARE PITTLED AGAINST A PEOPLE S PARTY WHICH IS REVOLUTIMNARY., "IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SHOOT, MY PARTY ALSO KNOWS VERY WELL HOW TO FIND A TARGET." CONCEDING THAT NAP LEADERS HAD RENDERED SACRIFICES IN THE FIGHT FOR PAKISTAN S INDEPENDENCE, HE POINTED OUT SITUATION WAS NOW DIFFERENT AND THAT SINCE DEMOCRACY HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, DEMOCRATIC METHODS SHOULD BE USED. HE REPEATED HIS OFFER TO NEGOTIATE WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS, BUT SAID THEY FIRST MUST DROP THEIR GUNS.

5. TASHKENT AND SIMLA: PRIME MINISTER CRITICIZED FORMER PRESIDENT AYUB KHAN FOR HIS REPORTED RECENT STATEMENT THAT TASHKENT DECLARATION HAD BEEN BETTER AGREEMENT THAN SIMLA ACCORD. ON CONTRARY, HE SAID PAKISTAN HAD OBTAINED BAD BARGAIN AT TASHKENT DESPITE FACT IT ENTERED INTO NEGOTIATIONS FROM POSITION OF STRENGTH. NOT ONLY HAD IT THWARTED ENEMY'S PLANS AND TAKEN MORE LAND AND POW'S THAN HAD INDIA, BUT IT HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF FACING "A WEEPING SHASTRI" WHO WAS BEGGING FOR A CEASE-FIRE AT SIMLA. HOWEVER,PAKISTAN WAS IN A VERY WEAKENED STATE., THE COUNTRY WAS TORN APART WHILE INDIA HELD 5,000 SQUARE MILES OF PAKISTANI TERRITORY AND 90,000 POW'S. DESPITE SITUATION, SIMLA ACCORD RESULTED IN POSITIVE GAINS FOR PAKISTAN AS "WE JID NOT COMPROMISE ANY PRINCIPLES, DID NOT ABANDON OUR RIGHTS TO KASHMIR NOR CONCEDE DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH, AND WE MANAGED SECURE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TROOPS FROM OUR TERRITORY."

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS: DESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AS USHERING IN NEW ERA AND AS STEP TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF SOCIALIST ORDER, PRIME MINISTER TOLD OFFICIALS IN PESHAWAR THAT NEW MEASURES UNCLASSIFIED

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HAD BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED BY OVER 90 PER CENT OF GOVERNMENT CIVIL SERVANTS, NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT SOME CSP OFFICERS WERE NOT YET RECONCILED TO REFORMS, HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT TOLERATE ANY CONSPIRACY TO UNDO THEM. IN HIS VIEW, MEMBERS OF CSP WERE MEDIOCRITIES, DESPITE THEIR PRETENSIONS OF BEING LATTER DAY ICS OFFICERS. THEY HAD ESTABLISHED THEIR OWN BRAHMANICAL TRADITIONS AND HAD UTILIZED SERVICE RULES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM PUNISHMENT FOR CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY. PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAD CONSIDERED REFORMING ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT DONE SO HE SAID BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID OF THE CSP. EVERTS

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